(b) what it the total recovery of UBI in the year 1994-95; and

(c) what hat been the recovery from the former management of a tobacco company in 24 Pargan** North in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) United Bank of India (UBI) has reported that total Non-Performing Assets of the bank aggregated Rs. 1152.00 crores as on 31st March, 1994.

(b) The recovery of NPA in 1994-95 is Rs. 143.50 crores (provisional).

(c) United Bank of India has reported that in the A/c New Tobacco Co. Ltd. so far total recovery is Rs. 16.00 crores out of which Duncan Industries Ltd. has paid Rs. 13.00 crores.

Charges against Senior Custom officials

5305. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain senior customs officials including the Delhi's Principal Collector of Customs have been booked by CBI on charges of cheating and misappropriation of Government money;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received many complaints from individuals and MPs regarding non-payment of rewards to the informers; and

(d) if so, the details of such complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Matter is under investigation by CJB.I.

(c) Government have received from time to time representations/complaints from Hon'ble MPs as well as individuals regarding non-payment of reward to informers.

(d) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Central Government Guarantee to Banks/ Financial InaHtnflsnj

5306. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1055 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st march, 1995 and to state:

(a) whether RBI has directed the banks thi.t they are free to decline the rehabilitation package of potential viable sick CPSUs in absence of Central Government Guarantee and Ministry of Finance have not advised all concerned Ministries, Banks/FIs. that Government guarantee would be automatically available in the case of potentially viable sick CPUs as the delay in taking decision for providing Government guarantee would turn potentially viable sick CPSUs into non-viable ones; and

(b) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of india (RBI) has reported that their instructions to banks that they would be free to decline credit in the absence of type and form of security that they may deem necessary (which may include Government guarantee) merely reiterates the principle that the banks as purveyors of credits disbursed largely out of the savings of the public mobilised by them are free to insist upon the type of security from all

categories of borrowers, whether in the private or public sector.

As far as Government guarantees to public sector banks for loans granted to public sector undertakings are concerned, these are considered on a case to pass basis.

IMF meeting in Washington

5307. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the forthcoming International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington wiD discuss "IMFs Surveillance" at well as "acceptable guidelines for capital flow control" as reported in a newsitem published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 20th April, 1995; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the other steps on the Agenda; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken on the need to further broaden this resource base of the funds of IMF at the meeting, as welL as role of IMF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA-MURTHY): (a) and (b) The meeting of the Interim Commit' :e of the Board of governors of IMF has since been held in Washington DC. on 26th April, 1995;. The agenda for the meeting included discussions on the following topics:—

(i) The World Economic Outlook including matters relating to the prospects in industrial, developing and transition countries; adequacy of global savings and cooperation to strengthen global expansion.

(ii) The role of the IMF in strengthening surveillance by the IMF over its members; issues relating to external debt of the poorest countries: strengthening the resource base of the IMF and the issue of SDR allocation and implications of capital flows.

(c) There was a. consensus in the Interim Committee meeting that the evolving role of the IMF in an * environment of increased globalisation and integration of markets should include "5 strengthened Fund surveillance in a symmetrical manner. The Committee * further desired that the executive Board of the IMF should continue to review the adequacy of the resource base of the funds of IMF

वस्त्र उद्योग के संबंध में उत्पाद शुल्क में की गई वृद्धि के विरुद्ध अभ्यावेदन

5308. श्री जनेश्वर सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि फेडरेशन ऑफ होजरी मैन्युफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया कपड़ा उद्योग पर अतिरिक्त उत्पाद शुल्क में वृद्धि किये जाने का विरोध कर रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उत्पाद-शुल्क में वृद्धि किये जाने से पूर्व सभी पहलुओं का गंभीरता से अध्ययन करने के लिए किसी कार्यदल का गठन किया था;

(ग) क्या सरकार उक्त फैसले में लचीला रुख अपनाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम॰वी॰ चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) हां, जी। होजरी पर उत्पाद शुल्क छूट बहाल करने के लिए सरकार को होजरी मैन्युफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार ने दिनांक 6 अप्रैल, 1995 की अधिसूचना सं॰ 80/95-के॰उ॰शु॰ जारी करके काटन के बुने हुए फैब्रिक्स पर अब उत्पाद शुल्क छूट को बहाल कर दिया है।

रुपये के मूल्य में गिरावट

5309. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों में रुपये के वास्तविक मूल्य